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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring the documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. Most of the documents were cited by the EPO in the International Search Report of 27 MAR. 2006 and/or by the German Patent Office during prosecution of priority application **DE 20 2005 003 412.6** in the German search report dated 27 JAN. 2006, copies of were e-filed today at 11:06 AM EDT. Specification page 6, middle, cites two additional Papst patents, **USP 6,456,024** and **6,448,726**.

In order to avoid burdening the Examiner unnecessarily to review German-language documents, corresponding English equivalents are furnished. Several of the references are assigned to **Papst-Motoren**, which subsequently changed its name to **ebm-papst St. Georgen GmbH & Co. KG**, and which is the assignee of the present application. Thus, **this IDS complies with MPEP section 609.**

REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

Respectfully submitted,

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